GRANT COUNTY RESOLUTION R-17-14

A RESOLUTION AGAINST THE RELOCATION OF YUCCA LODGE

WHEREAS, Yucca Lodge, located in Grant County, New Mexico, provides intensive residential treatment for persons with chemical dependencies; and

WHEREAS, Yucca Lodge has provided critical services in the secluded setting near the Gila National Forest that allows the clients to focus on treatment and reflect on the roles of addiction and recovery in their lives; and

WHEREAS, since 1977 Yucca lodge has provided services such as:

- Clinical Assessment and therapy
- Nursing assessment and care
- Routine physical screen
- Physician intervention
- Classes on addiction, recovery, health, relationship, and 12-step model
- Group therapy
- Individual counseling
- Relapse prevention
- Training in anger management, communication, refusal skills, and more
- Participation in 12-step meetings
- Family education and counseling
- Aftercare planning and referral
- Recreational activities

WHEREAS, Yucca Lodge is part 2 of a 3 part system that is part of our success module on chemical dependency in southwest New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Yucca Lodge is known as a success program and has a lengthy waiting list; and

WHEREAS, Grant County is constructing a continuum of care chemical dependency facility known as Tu Casa that will provide outpatient services to coordinate with the services provided at Yucca Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is considering the relocation of Yucca Lodge and its services to Roswell, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Roswell is approximately a six-hour drive from Silver City and individuals seeking treatment benefit from the location of Yucca Lodge in central southwest New Mexico; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners request that the Department of Health not relocate Yucca Lodge and its services to Roswell, New Mexico and allow Yucca Lodge to continue its operations in Grant County and serve the residents of Southwestern New Mexico.

DONE this 23rd day of March 2017, in Silver City, New Mexico.

BOARD OF GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND ELECTED **OFFICIALS** ett Kasten, Chairman Gabriel Ramos. Vice Chairman Alicia Edwards, Member Gerald Wallings Jr., Member Harry Browne, Member Raul Turrieta, County Assessor Steve Armendariz, County Preasurer Raul Villanueva, County Sheriff ATTEST: Marisa Castrillo, County

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